

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

While it is known in the art to provide a first plate; a second plate defining an aperture; a screen element sandwiched between the first and second plates, wherein the screen element is retained between the first and second plates by means of a rod extending through the interior of the screen element and through the aperture in the second plate with the second plate being retained on the rod by means of a removable retaining means (see, for example, US 5,985,142 to Belden), in the examiner's opinion, the prior art fails to teach or render obvious the apparatus being configured as a screen nozzle for a media retention screen including a means for attaching the screen nozzle to the media retention screen or the screen nozzle over each opening in the media retention screen.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Drawings

The drawings were received on July 8, 2011 and are accepted.

Claims

The claims filed on July 8, 2011 have been entered.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to FRED PRINCE whose telephone number is (571)272-1165. The examiner can normally be reached on M-Th 8:00-5:30; Alt. Fridays 8:00-4:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Nam Nguyen can be reached on (571)272-1342. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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